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Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Nov. 10, 1877.

To the Hon Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, D.C.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

The Presbytery of Santa Fe, which, in the distribution of the Indian tribes among the various denominations, has ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the Maquis, Navajos, Pueblo Indians, and the Abiqui, Mescalers Apache, and Southern Apache agencies , respectfully represents to the Department that the Presbytery feels a deep interest in the successful working of your plans to educate and civilize these several tribes.

It also rejoices to be able to inform you that this Presbytery has so increased in strength and numbers that it is in a better condition than ever before to cooperate with you in this good work.

The Presbytery begs leave to suggest that if it is in your power to appoint a Superintendent of Indian Schools in New Mexico, whose duty it shall be to assist the Agents in procuring competent teachers, to counsel with the agents as to improved school facilities , to visit the schools and counsel with the teachers, such an appointee might, in the judgment of this body increase a hundred fold the efficiency of your educational work among the tribes here.

The Presbytery respectfully suggests the name of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions for New Mexico and other territories, as one who is competent and willing to do such work without compensation. The Presbytery believes that the appointment indicated would receive the cordial approval of the several agents concerned.

By order of the Presbytery of Santa Fe (Signed) James M. Roberts
(Signed) John Annin. Stated Clerk. Moderator.

Evans. Nov. 1877.

Mr. Jackson:-

Dear Sir, Your reply to my letter contained some points which have weighed heavily on my mind ever since its reception, and I feel that I should be acquiescing to a wrong if I let it pass and said nothing. Hence will you pardon a few more words from me? You say "The good people of Evans are under a misapprehension in regard to the change made here, and that Mr. Stewart was consulted and approved of the movement". I think you are misinformed, for nothing that has passed between Mr. Stewart as Pastor, and his people here can sustain any such supposition and denial of any thing that could be construed as approval by Mr. S- ought to be sufficient. This has been emphatically

a "service of love" among us; here he had established a Church and home, and had just come to a point where he and his people could and would work together, right here he is intercepted by the Authorities in power. The little Ch. is thrown into a stupefying consterna-tion, which has led them to neglect where they ought to have acted, by remonstrating, or showing forth in the right direction, and we are sub-jected to the "say so" of as little a church as we are, only they live in a "larger place" near by. Now why could not Mr. S. have lived in Evans and preached to the Greeley Ch. as well as contra?

You say the Board had a chief sight as they had the chief supporting. I grant this in measure. The difficul-ties of pioneering are now partly over-come and I believe all were feeling that they should do more - they are

even now, under the present juris-diction, but they would have done more had Mr. L- remained, and Mr. Jackson I fear you and the honourable body who stand as "Over-seers of the Lord's cause" ~~will~~ find that a seed of discord has been thrown in here which will eventually break up the harmony which has existed hitherto.

I could say much as to the personal injustice done Mr. L- only I will not weary you - except that if you would take the matter home to your own heart I think you would see things differently. We don't, any of us, like to be dispossessed of our home, our field where we were contentedly at work, or have another come in and take from us the joy and good of our labour - such is the case here and so far I blame Mr. Partridge for

accepting the position, neither can I welcome him as I would like under other circumstances. I am not alone in this sentiment.
The earnest, self-denying work which Mr. Stewart has done here, merits a different reward and it will prove to some a wound not easily healed. I know there are some who hail the change as rather pleasant as Mr. P- has a pleasant manner, but you know the adages "a new broom sweeps clean" "Children like new toys" I think it will be sometime before we shall get another minister who will work so earnestly, so patiently, so uncomplaining-ly for the real good of this Ch. as Mr. S-.
I have hesitated some time about sending this to you lest I might seem out of place, or my real motive not be understood but where our hearts do work they are sometimes quite bold, and I wanted one true voice not afraid to be raised in the interest of our dear and honoured Mr. Stewart.

With kindest regard,

Very Respectfully Yours. Mrs. L. J. Varney.

West Las Animas, Colorado,
Nov 1st 1877

Dear Brother Jackson.

I have just returned home after an absence of some days, and find your three communications awaiting me.

It will be no inconvenience to postpone the organization of the church at Granada till the evening of the 14th. And I would rather prefer to do so, as Brother Holm has written me that he cannot be present to take part if it is not absolutely necessary.

Please come prepared to

preach on the occasion.

Wife and I will meet you on the train, and visit going and coming as you cannot stop with us a day.

I will write Bro. Holm that you will be present on the occasion, and if he cannot come down without inconvenience, he may be excused.

Wife joins me in kind regards to yourself and family.

Your brother in Christ,

J. S. Merritt.

7 Woman's Missionary Soc & Bands

Allegheny Pa Nov 1st 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Sometime ago, I got a few young ladies to organize into a Home Mission band, so far we have ten members, and the contributions are very small, but still we are not discouraged. We have given five dollars to help one of the churches in the country, that was in debt. You will pardon me for taking the liberty of writing to you, but as we are not able to either give or do very much you might give us some idea, as to what use we

had better make of what little we can raise from-home, the girls thought they would like to get up a box for some Missionary out West, so if you know of anything we can do, I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible, for it is very hard to keep up the interest in the meeting. The name is Fulton Home Mission Band, it meets at my house, No 23 Market Street Allegheny.

Respectfully
Mrs A. M. Reno

Mrs Annie, M. Reno.
No 23. Market St.
Allegheny City Pa.

Evanston Wyoming Territory
Nov 8th 1879.

Dear Bro Jackson.

Bro Bird writes me from American Fork, that he is about to organize a church at that point of 4 members, and asks whether it will be necessary to have a meeting of presbytery called. I am well pleased with his prospects. They are for the present renting a building to hold services in, but can secure some $300, I think it would be well to have a called meeting of Presbytery and appoint a

"Presbyterian Com" to organize Churches within bounds of our Presbytery.

Can you meet us at Ogden soon? Please let me hear from you immediately. If you can come please let me know when, and I will call a meeting accordingly.

Yours in the Gospel

F. L. Hurd

Lake City, Colorado
Nov. 3rd 1899.

Dear Brother,

Your welcome letter of the 29th inst received: & at your request I have hastily written an account of the dedication of the Ouray church, & such items as I thought might be of interest to the Presbyterian who read your valuable paper: I note you in a letter the number of times I had crossed the range Eleven in all: & three times by the road, making seven round trips: the last trip I presume ~~that~~ Brother Smith will tell you about; he is a larger man than you are but he ~~has not~~ lacks the ~~same~~ grit, that you possess:

I am encouraged by your letter & I sincerely hope that

the Home Board will grant the $200.00. But ~~they~~ should they see fit to withold the granting of it I shall do as I allways have done, & that is the very best that I can! Through your kindness we have received of late $15.00 from one society & $10.00 from another! & after all I feel that I was treated better than I deserved. & that God has been good to me in giving me the desire that I have to labor for him & the success among the people with whom I have labored; & although the work has at times been hard, the rest will be all the sweeter by & by. Mrs. D. sends regards. Yours in Christ

George A. Dorey,

My wife says she
is ready for that
1000-mile ride on
a buckboard down
into New-Mexico
next winter.
Please look up
her sister & her
husband now
in Denver Mr.
& Mrs. Isridley
of Buffalo N.Y.
Yours truly
W. Kendall

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Steubenville. O. Nov. 6th 1877.

Mrs Sheldon Jackson.

Dear bro. I send you, as requested the report of our Synodical Com. on Home Miss.

We have no Synodical Woman's Miss. Society. We have however Presbyterial Societies in the Ladies Department of the Work.

The Ladies Society for the Presbytery of Steubenville meets in my Church on next Thursday. (The old Pres. ch. of Steub.)

Mrs. Dr. W. W. Grimes is Pres. Steub. O.

Mrs. Laura J. Robertson, is corresponding Secretary.

Same address —

Our Synod meets next year at St. Clairsville O. on Friday after the 2d tuesday of October.

Very truly Yours.

T. V. Milligan

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1853. 9th Sl N W

New York, Nov. 7. 1877

Rev J. G. Tidball

Dear Bro.

Your favour of the 2d. inst. was received this morning.

So far as I know there is no Alaska Indian Agency. None is reported in the last Government Report.

At any rate no such Agency is on the List of the Agencies tendered to our Board for the nomination of their Agents. And on this List - now off hand - there is no vacancy.

Yours very truly

Walter Lowrie

American Fork
Utah

Nov. 9. 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver

Dear Sir

Have you any numbers of the R. M. Presbyn to spare for this mission field. We could do with a few very well.

I have been here a little over two months and the work opens well. Can organize a Church here with a small membership — have 3 elders and the probability of several more. They are asking for a day school and I must the want I have bought a piece

of land on Main St — with a
frame building upon it — 20x40
This is to be fitted up for a
Church & school and the total
Cost including stove & seats &
lights amounts to $750 —
Can raise abt $350 or $400
on the field & with the organization
above mentioned can raise
$350 from the B'd of Erection
There are 3 towns within a
radius of 3 miles of this place
& I intend launching out
work in them as soon as I
have things started here —
I have written to Br Arnold
of Evanston abt a meeting
of Presby in order to effect
the organization & he has
replied that he awaits a
communication from you
I want to get the matter

arranged speedily so as to make the application to the Bd of Erection Chas Busby & have the money ready to meet expenses due next Jany. It is desirable that the building be ready for school use by then.

If strength & time permit I hope to visit Bingham & Alta occasionally - McNeil & other ministers from the city pay visits to the camps now & then & so they are not without the means of grace if the people wish to avail themselves.

I have a hall rented until 31st Jany - the property of Mormons & fitted up as a theatre. An encouraging number attends meeting & last Sab - our school

rose to 78. It has been on the steady increase since the start. It commenced with 10 scholars –

If you know of any one who wants to help out a struggling mission by the gift of a small Chapel bell – will you kindly refer the party to me & I believe I can tell them enough to stir his talent generously

Hoping to see you soon or some day

Very Sincerely Yours

Geo. R. Bird

Santa Fé, New Mexico,

Nov. 10th 1877.

To the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs

at Washington, D.C.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

The Presbytery of Santa Fé, in annual session at Taos, New Mexico, on the 9th and 10th days of November 1877, respectfully represents that the Navajo Indians are, by the action of the Department which placed them under the Presbyterian denomination, under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of this body; and, whereas, owing to the pending change of Agents at that reservation

there is no one now in charge of the Agency that is disposed to recommend to the Department the appointment of a "Teacher", this Presbytery would recommend Miss M. Darley as a suitable person to perform the functions of that office, and believes that the appointment, if made, will meet the approval of whatever Agent may be appointed.

By order of the Presbytery of Santa Fé

James M Roberts Moderator.

John A. Annin Stated Clerk.

Wednesday Morn.

The Steamer came in from Sitka about daylight this morning, & now I must write for another letter. I have just had a visit from the newly appointed U. S. Collector of Customs for Sitka, He has now ~~gone to~~ on his way back to San Francisco for his family. He is exceedingly anxious for our board to send teachers to Sitka. He held out every inducement to have me go. He said if I would apply to be transferred from here there - that in addition to what the board would pay me he would pay me $30. per month furn-

wish me a good house &
all my wood & oil. He
says it would be necessary
to have two, a teacher &
an assistant & that if
the board will send two
he will pay each $20.
per month & what I have
stated above. Of course I
don't want to go. But
hope there will be two ladies
found to go right away. He
wants one of them to be able
to teach his little girls
music. If our church does
not furnish him teachers
some other will. He seems
very liberal & much interested
I gave him a note to Mr.
Lindsley. He also says he will
furnish a good school room &
traveling expenses shall not cost
anything from Portland

H. R. M[illegible]

Fort Wrangell Alaska
Nov 18th
1879

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

As the steamer is expected on the 17th I am admonished that I should commence my letter writing.

My hands are so full & I feel so exhausted often when evening comes that it is an effort for me to write. Philip is still sick but seems to be improving slowly. I found him sitting up Thursday I went to see him. He could hardly know him he is so emaciated.

He looks very badly but is quite cheerful. I asked him

if he did not feel more
encouraged about getting
well. He said "I don't know
if Jesus make my wind
strong all right me get
up no more preach. Jesus make
my wind (breath) stop all
right me die. There has
been a Dr here from up
the country for two or
three months. Mr Brandt
insisted upon me
having him attend Philip
& Sarah. He has done them
some good. He examined his
his lungs. He says his left
lung is almost gone but
his right one is pretty
good. I expect there will
be quite a bill to pay.
I hope the Lord will
send us lots of money now
to pay up all these things.
I have three other sick

ones on my hands besides
Philip. The boys from
Port Simpson have all
gone home but one, I
am glad of it. I left
Andrew to do the fencing
until Philip gets better.
I feel so anxious for a
minister to come, for many
reasons — one is there are
some young indians here
that want to get married
very much — & I am
very afraid that some
of the white men would
marry the girls they are
living with if there was
a minister here, & just
as soon as that is forth-
coming it is going to make
a great change here.
I had a letter from
Mr Crosby last week. He
sent the Church Certificates

for Philip & his wife. We
they belong to us now.
He expressed a great deal
of interest in the work-
ers, but said nothing
about coming up. Little
Philip was mistaken about
what he wrote him.
Mrs Dickinson's husband
has come home. But I guess
he is not of much account.
The Indians say he is
"Cultis man." She is very
jealous & very faithful
he comes to school every
day, but it is very hard
for her to learn. I had
a Hyda man come into school
today. He looks to be about
45 years old. He says he
came here to go to school so
he can go back & teach the

other Hyda's, Indians. The poor
man did not know the first
letter of the alphabet.
Yesterday I had a Chief
by the name of Hotchkop
come in to school. He
said he was from Russian
Island & wanted to talk
to me. He had Mrs Dickinson
an interpreter for him.
He was a remarkably fine-
looking man & I just felt
of the Christian people
in the east who have
abundant means could
have seen that noble look-
ing man as he stood there
with the tears running down
his face, & heard what
he said - that there would
be no lack of money to sup-
port all the Missions
in Alaska. Thank
God, This was
said, He said

Chief his hand & said, "The
Much-sick heart. You
come teach all Stickeen-
indian. All Hyda indian,
all Longas indians, about
God. My people all dark
heart. No body tell them
Jesus died. By & by all my
people die, (pointing down)
go down down dark. He
was completely overcome.
Oh how my heart ached.
I tried to comfort him
by telling him that before
long we hoped to be able
to send teachers & preach-
ers to all these indians.
I hope you received the
pictures safely. Mr David-
son sent them. By one of
the Victoria boats. He (Mr D)
has giving up that busi-
ness, & is now opening a little
store. Mr Vanderbilt I
believe is helping him

My sewing school is getting along nicely, & I hope it is going to be productive of much good. The women & girls are all so pleased with the idea of coming to my house to work, & to have me assist them with their sewing. We take one course of scripture & while we work I teach it to them & we talk about it & try to understand it. Besides this I try to give them light ideas about a great many other things. Then we close with singing & prayer. I would be glad if there was some person to take the school off my hands & let me devote more of my time to this kind of work. You know how much need there is of it. Then you

not attend to the sick as
I would like to. I think
I am a very strong woman
(physically) yet I have feel-
ed a good many times
lately that I am not made
of iron. Mr & Mrs Vanderbilt
are very kind indeed. They
were over to sit with me
last night until 9 o'clock.
She came over last Satur-
day & invited me to go &
take dinner with them on
Sabbath. I declined. Told
her I would come some
Saturday. She is a member
of Dr Lindsleys Church but
her husband pays no reg-
ard to the Sabbath whatever.
Indeed I have thought some
times that Sabbath seemed
to be his greatest day
for doing business.

Nov 13th The California (7) came in yesterday on time, & has now gone to Ithaca. I was very glad to receive your note & so thankful for the 150 enclosed. It is a great relief to get this & I thank you so much for your kind thoughtfulness. I will say nothing to Dr Lindsley about getting this unless you prefer I should do so, (I will explain why when I see you) Perhaps you have written him that you sent it. He wrote me a hasty note by this mail - said the steamer was leaving soon than he expected, He said he had returned you the (150) you gave me. ~~Since I~~ I was surprised when Mr Vanderbilt came home & told me that he had not seen Dr Lindsley, He was

in Portland eleven days &
it seems strange the he did
not call on him to talk
about the work here.
Mr O & his wife both thought
strange of it particularly
as she was a member of his
church. Since writing the
two first sheets of this
letter Ohio has a circum-
stance taken place that I
dont think amounts to
much in its self (But among
the superstitious Indians it has
great weight) But it has brou-
ght some things to light that
surprises me beyond measure.
There is a Young Indian here
by the name of Johnson, He
went with his father a way
some distance to chop wood.
They were encamped & it
seems he had a wonderfull
dream one night. He thinks
it has been the means of

his Conversion. (!) When he came home he met ~~at~~ with the other Indians one night at Philip's room at Class meeting. There he told his dream — He dreamed he died & went to Heaven — He stood outside the gate — and all the school Indians come out & Philip among them, Philip attempted to go in but was forwarded. The keeper said he (Philip) was a good man but that he had been living in sin as he had never been married to his wife. This seems like a long story to tell but I could not see how I could shorten it (I have only told a small part of the dream.) It has made a deep impression on Philip. He seems quite troubled about it. It is exceedingly amusing for

a minister to come so that they may get married. Now what surprises me so much is Mr Crosby's way of doing things. He must have strange ideas when he knows what a curse that particular sin is to Fort Wrangell. He would send Philip up here as a preacher & he living in that way. When we have a church organized here I want the minister wherever he may be to receive more into the church who they are willing to be married as christians are. And rend the young man that stayed to preach was one of the ones that wanted to be married to one of my schoolgirls. They were the couple that Mr Mallory spoke to you about. He seemed so fond of the

girl that he could not stay away from her. But just went to her Fathers house & stayed day & night. There was a good deal of talk about it. I was distressed & did not know what to do. I advised him to go home to Fort Hughson & take Maggie with him & have Mr Beasby marry them. He did not have enough money to take them. Both by Steamer. Besides her Father & Mother was not willing to have her go to Fort Hughson. The only thing left was to take the old people with them, so I suggested that they would take the old people with them & after they got married they could come back if they thought best. So I got them all off yesterday in a canoe. Did I do right.

Now Dr I fear I tire you with these long letters, There are so many things that are so intensely interes to me that I think they will be to you. At the same time I know you are so engaged about other work that I ought not to take so much of your time, tho I will not feel at all hurt if you say - please shorten your letters a little.

I recieved a very nice letter this mail from a Mrs Mattie J. Work of Bardolph Ill. I knew her very well when she was a young lady. My dear Husband & I have visited at her Mothers house. I had lost sight of her & she of me until she saw some of your letters in reference to the work here, She is married & living in the above place. I is Secretary of the Ladies Missionary society - said they had just

sent Ten dollars to Dr Kendall
for our work. But my dear
Brother I am in perplexity for
certain. When I come to examine
this check you sent I find you
did not endorse it. I went
down to see Mr Vanderbilt
about it & he says the only
thing I can do is to send it
back to you for endorsement.
I am so sorry about it for I
felt that it was going to be
such a relief to me. I saw
Mr Vanderbilt was quite disap-
pointed about it for he would
have gotten the most of it if
it had been all right. If I knew
your address in the east I
would send this letter direct to
you. But as I don't I must
send it to Denver. I hope to
get a longer letter from you
by next mail. I hope there
is not going to be any trouble
about my commission. It seems

a long time being decided,
I am not going to worrie about
it, nor regret my coming with
out it; for if I had waited
in Portland until I received
it this field would have been
lost to us & I believe lost to
Christianity. There just when I
came on the last page I have
been so unfortunate as to turn
over my ink bottle on a part
of this letter, I hope you will
be able to make it out & I
you will excuse me for sending
such a looking letter, but it
is impossible for me to write
it all over now my time is so limited
Very truly your sister in Christ
A. K. McFarland

Many many thanks for the
packages of papers sent.

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P. O. Box 3863. No. 23 Centre Street.

~~New York,~~ 187

Taos. New Mexico
Nov 10th 1877

Rev Jno C. Lowrie D.D. Sec'y of the B'd H.M.

Dear Brother —

The Presbytery of Santa Fe in Session at Taos, New Mexico, Nov 9 & 10th respectfully represent to the Board of Foreign Missions, that it has recommended to the Home Board a Missionary for the Navajo Indians.

And also beg leave to state that the Home Board having undertaken with vigor the work of Evangelization in this Territory, it has placed all the work within the bounds of this Presbytery, among both Mexicans & Indians under the care of that Board

Very Fraternally & Respectfully Yours

J. M. Roberts Mod'r

J. A. Annin Stated Clerk

Old Lee New Mexico
Nov 12th 1877

Dear Mrs Jackson

Now that I am in the midst of work I begin to cry for help.

I have started an Evening school for men & boys and as books are not plentiful I thought perhaps you could find three or four second hand Arithmetics - Davies Third Part." and as I told you Mr Smith had two "A. S." over to me I am trying to make special inducements to gather in children. therefore wish to give tickets for attendance, but cannot get them here. If you will send me a few or two I will send the money in one or two more Sabbaths. I wish also to have a Christmas tree for my Evening Scholars as well as the S. S. If your S. S. will be helpful in this we will be very glad -

Also if you have any second hand clothing among the ladies of the Roe, I will be glad to get it - Last week I carried some of Lilly's Summer dresses to a little girl who was almost naked -

This Evening I had Nine pupils, nearly

all minus books. If you can add a few of McGuffey's Eclectic Spelling books and some First Readers. I do not care how much they have been used so the lessons are true. I would write home for books, but do not want to wait so long as I need them now. but I have promise of books and feel pretty certain that I will need more, as boys do not seem to have an intense respect for the Bible, and very many of them work all day. Mrs Hamen (a former teacher here has given me a blackboard Eight maps and as many desks. Two boys are waiting to carry my letter, as they are all anxious about the books. and two of them are in the S. S. since I began school

Yours in haste

M. E. Griffith

Colo. Springs. Colorado.
Nov. 13, 1877.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

What can we do for Monument and Fountain? It is physically more than I can do, to preach two new sermons every Sab. here and also supply the above places during the week. <u>There is no use of my trying to supply them.</u> I hoped Bro. Owen could preach to them every Sab. alternating but he tried it once and came home having completely broken down again I shall not encourage him to try to preach any where regularly till

next May or June. He and I were at Monument last Thursday, and they were delighted with a prospect of having regular services. There are 12 Pres. and Cong. living in Monument and the poll list reports 121 voters at that place the last election.
Now they say if we Presbyterians can not supply them this winter they will all apply to the Congregational ch. and if supplied go congregationalists. If we lose these two places there is not another of importance in the County - for us to occupy -
Why cannot the Board do something for these points as it has done for

Valmont or Idaho? I regard Monument as a strong point. The Cong. are trying to occupy the Co. outside of C. Springs, and they will supply these places in part from their Academy professors or President(!) when he arrives, if we abandon them a few months longer. We must do something for them immediately or I must tell them candidly that I abandon the fields and they must look elsewhere for preaching. There is a Rev. Shaiffer from near Pittsburg who expects to spend a few, 4 or 5, weeks here. He writes me that he will preach for some vacant field while here.

expect to send him to M. provided he does not refuse to go. They can pay about $4.00 a Sab. And I do not know any place that promises so well. Blachly his wife and mother and some others, are all active workers. The Methodists are doing nothing, and the Bap. have no members near enough to attend service or S.S.
Blachly says the Baptists want to sell their house at M. and the Pres. could buy it cheap. We can take the whole place now, or the Cong. will have it before New Years. Please write me by return mail what can be done. I think I can hold the fields till New Years but I will not promise to keep them supplied longer-

American Fork
Utah.

Nov. 15th 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. Denver

Dear Bro.

I have good hope of starting two schools in this neighborhood shortly. Have written to Dr Kendall about them. Support. One school will be here in Am. Fork — the other in Battle Creek — Have two teachers in view who will come if the Board will grant them Commissions. Can you secure for these teachers half fare rates over the U.P.R.R. I believe other teachers coming West for this work have been thus favored. If this is possible for our field can you forward a recommendation &

to Kimball of Omaha as soon as I know definitely of the need of them passes. I will send their names as soon as I know they are commissioned. Pr'd your R. M. Presbyto for her & am very much obliged — There is a little mistake in the notice you gave of my doings. The "commodious hall" is in Ann & K st and at Sandy — Things are so dull at Sandy that I have not opened work there yet. Am altogether engaged here. We are building a Chapel 20 x 40 and it takes some time to hunt up funds.

Yours truly Geo. R. Bird

[illegible] Mich
[illegible], 18[illegible]

Dear Bro. [illegible];

[illegible] a letter from you [illegible] on the [illegible] have just returned. I will answer your questions briefly [illegible] and write more fully again.

[illegible] is teaching in Mt Pleasant,
[illegible] Graduated
[illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible], [illegible]
and Ephraim [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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at [illegible] Art, [illegible]

[illegible] Mich [illegible]

of Ephraim [illegible]

[illegible])

[illegible] built at [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]. Of Ephraim [illegible]

have [illegible] up an old [illegible]

Of [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] E. [illegible]

[illegible] at Chr[illegible] is that [illegible] need [illegible]
half [illegible] amounted to anything. [illegible] in
the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]

This is really [illegible] expensive [illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible] high in building
[illegible] much [illegible]
[illegible] half of the expense
of building [illegible] place.

I would [illegible] other [illegible]
if my [illegible] be [illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible] there would be [illegible]
[illegible]. If my brother were not my
brother I would ask if he would not be [illegible] for
a [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] me.

I think you have [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] you?

Love to all

Yours.

[illegible]

P.S. I don't think it [illegible] first class [illegible]
[illegible]. I am [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver,
Colorado.

Somebody wants to hire the house for a School — Men is acrid?

Give us also the exact status of the Ch. for Put. on Board

BOARD of HOME MISSIONS of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Box 3863.]

23 Centre St., New York, Nov. 16, 1877.

Dear Sir — As soon as possible we want your own & a full statement about the Presby at Taos — particularly about Conejos for Sayre & Lima Amarillo &c. for Dailey. What did you find? (2) Tell all you know of the present status of Schools & teachers & houses wanted in Utah including Lillbull. With these & your Alaska Report I want to get out a Circular &c. I shall write you as soon as I can. Our meeting 2 Wint. Would it be best to send Sayre or Dailey on for Spring?

Yours truly H. Kendall —

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver.
Colorado.

Mr. Bridley has already gone to Cal. Find two letters at least in Denver Post Office for him & redirect to San Francisco care of Rev. A. W. Loomis D.D. 713. Bush Street.

Glad to hear that D. is better. Poor child she has had a severe time.

Tell me who those Lady teachers are & when you send them & how they are supported tell me if possible at once. before our meeting the 26th inst.

Yours truly
W. Kendall.

Prescott. Arizona
Nov 16 - 1877

Dear Dr. Jackson -

I am glad to hear that you are coming out early next-spring, for we expect to have our new church ready for you to dedicate. I have been out getting pledges and have received about $3,000. We expect $1000 from the Board besides.

The Trustees will meet next week, and let the contract, this the brick work cannot be done this fall. The subscriptions are payable in three installments, Dec 1st '77. March 1st '78

and May 1st '78. If times had not been so very hard we could easily have obtained twice the amount.

There was nothing raised in this section of Arizona last year, on account of dry weather.

The catholics have a paper going to build a church, but are not succeeding. Through they will get means from abroad, and go ahead.

I think a course of six or eight lectures, will fix them — after a little.

The two Methodist-churches are waking up a little. A new man (J R Curtis) has just taken charge of the M. E. South church. They have a small building

The Home Board offered us a box of clothing last summer while I was in San F. My wife wrote back that we were well supplied. It would not pay to ship clothing here when freight is 15 cts a pound from the east.

Wife and I subscribed $100 to the church fund - that with my expense last summer going to San F. brings us to bed rock again but we will come out all right in the spring. So with thanks for your kind offer, we must again decline.

Florence is the coming place. We must visit that place if

make the trip you propose.

I would be very glad to accompany you, Can you not arrange so as to be here about May 1st?

Our church services are largely attended – many go away for want of room every Sabbath evening. Two soldiers from Whipple took a stand on the Lord's side at our last prayer meeting.

Mrs. M and Charlie (aged 6 months) send kind regards and wish yourself and Mrs. Jackson a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Affectionately Yours.

J. A. Merrill

Cole

Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Jan. 20

Mr. Durham,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Field called on me yesterday, and I feel sure from his manner, that there is but little doubt but he will patronize more or less of our business. -

I hope we will have a more pleasing one when I get back, as there has been much said in the papers regarding the Lecture Bureau. Perhaps it is for the best, so many think, it is hard for me to work in harmony, for a Christian spirit among my associates. The time will come when we will among the members of our church. I feel should we get better behaved, we have the sympathy of present. Nobody knows with what pain we listening are Sunday. How we have sinned

after Mr. Thackeray leaves Home will be
Mr. Chancellor coming here, then he
occupies the whole time & [illegible]
[illegible] feeling. How is Mr. G. R. [illegible]
[illegible]? I have disposed of [illegible]
things in this town, they take all they can
get but they give little in return. [illegible]
[illegible] succeeded in raising anything [illegible]
Hamilton. Hearty [illegible] & the ladies &
[illegible] send warm [illegible] to
[illegible] Home & [illegible]
[illegible]

Ever affectionately Yours

W. M. Thackeray

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sanguine. I hope that

[illegible] will be

[illegible]

comfort. [illegible] Board

[illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]

The church will be [illegible]

[illegible] of

much [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] will [illegible] this [illegible]

today. [illegible]

[illegible]

Longmont, Col.
Nov. 19 - '77.

Dear Doctor,

Your postal found me sick, threatened with mountain fever. I am able to sit up today & hope to be out tomorrow. My people are taking excellent care of me. They are as good and kind as they can be.

Mr. Gallupher is a young man least thirty years of age. I know little or nothing about him. He has always had the reputation of being an eccentric. His mental ability and spirituality is a mere matter of conjecture. I think he is fitted for the work and I have no doubt but he will do well.

[illegible] of eccentricity. Dr. [illegible] Eccentric men do the cause of Christ more harm than good in this field. It is my opinion that by dr. I divide to say anything which may tend to [illegible] the character of the gospel, but I cannot say that I think [illegible] will be filled for this work. The [illegible] parts of the country I do know that his relations will be very happy.

Give my love to Longwood. Write briefly but a little good. You can scarcely have [illegible] to the people since particularly most planted in Texas you did. The next Sunday we had Communion, where the preachers were assisted by [illegible] from by letter and two upon examination. We had baptisms, two adult, one of the husband,

is one of the most refined and respected of the ladies of this place. Send the picture to [illegible] [illegible] for portraits, not wishing them [illegible] little compositions, which some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] compositions.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

Edward [illegible]

that Depends wholly on the Dictum of his Medical Adviser" —

Thus, we are in the same position we Occupied weeks ago & ever. Owen has been written to & consulted in person. The chances seem to be he will come and preach & leave on Monday morn. The people there want a man who comes to Remain and not a man who comes for One Sunday. Any Salary is all Paid & no Obstacle in the way of the new man. The case is an Urgent-

One. The Methodists have settled the smartest men they have sent here in many years. Could he have an assistant.
The lumbermen begin next Sunday with one of the ablest men they have in the West and thus our church will soon be divided in sections in the wrangling negations of christ men who are using every effort to induce them to form a permanent connection
Meanwhile this gentleman whom you have sent to

understand would
come as a Pastor
to settle down hand-
ly be persuaded to
come for One Sun-
day and of course
the people here know
of no One else to
invite & Is there not
a misunderstanding
somewhere? Surely Sir
I can think of no
other Explanation
Unless Mr Owen
has changed his
mind since you
saw him & not-
informed you. One
thing is sure, the
church here can
not waste all the
Season in a pow-
ley with Mr Owen

Colorado
Canon City
Nov. 19 1883

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro.

I am on the point of leaving town & send you this in haste; because I fear there is some misunderstanding on part of some one in regard to the successor of Mr Owen is not only not here as yet; but all the satisfaction to be gotten from him is "he will come in a week from the present time and fill the pulpit for one Sunday and as to carry those

I would remain & be done with all this nonsense but I am compelled to hasten East by the first train on account of the illness of a friend, I am unable to tell how soon I can return and as my commission has not been issued; if any one can be found I wish you would send him to Ossining at once. I may be detained in N. York till Winter but I hope not. my address at present is, Geneva N. Y. and I hope you may send for all the

information I ought to have. I shall go on to N. York City & see the Secretaries. I do hope & pray you can get a line from home at once because I can't endure the thought that the flock accumulated by the labors of years should be scattered like the leaves of the forest and that will be the case in a short time unless the man who can "fill the Bill" is on hand soon

Shall do all I can for missions when I am East & yours in Christ

Geo. A. Smith

Corinne Utah Nov 20 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 16th inst is at hand enquiring concerning your recommendation to the Board. Your letter of 26th Oct. containing the request was received 29th. It was duly written out and formally signed by Dr. Graham and myself and forwarded to Brother McCleice on the 30th Oct. inclosing the part of your letter containing the request to forward after signing.

In yours of Sept. 8th acknowledging mine of 29th Aug. and Sept 3rd you say "You can count on the Board for two teachers for Brigham City" Dr Kendall

favors the purchase of the Hotel property of which you write."
If it is necessary to have one, two or three hundred dollars from abroad we can raise it for you on or before Jan 1st 1878. Dr Kendall will at once commence corresponding for suitable teachers."

In accordance with these instructions 300$ was borrowed or rather given, the use of, by Dr Graham Mr Willis Brother of Brigham City & myself and the property secured at $750.00 — two deferred payments of $200.00 in six months from Oct 2nd and 200.00 in twelve months at 1 per ct inst. per month, Mortgage on the property, which in this case is better than insurance.

Again in ~~acknowl~~ answer of mine of the 24th Sept. you say "Dr Kendall was pleased that you secure the Brigham City property

and we will be responsible for the pay. I cannot send you the 30 $ now but will be responsible for it and interest. I think Mr Tidball (of whose letter I her ans are thinks you) is the man for Brigham City. I will have another interview with him to morrow."

I have been particular in referring to this correspondance 1st to show exactly what has been done, and that it was in full opposition of yourself and Dr Kendall. And 2nd That the teacher for Brigham city and by implication the supply for Malad was in no way dependant on my selection but was promised by you & Dr. Kendall. How then am I to understand your question, "What have you done with Tidballs commission to Brigham City?" You have never requested his recommendation only said, "I think he is the man but

I will have another interview with him to-morrow."
You now request application for the appointment of Rev E. P. Welch and his sister Miss M. E. Welch for Malaca. I have done so and gladly if but for the association of the name. It will be urgently forwarded to the other members of the Committee.
But it is disastrous to wait. At Malad where I have been last week the Mormons have had the whole body of Apostles and Elders there holding a weeks Conference. Moreover for the past twenty Bishop Dunford, Judge Wright - Probate Judge of this County - and the 1st & 2nd Counsellor of President Snow, have been preaching day and night in Malad and its precincts. They have reported rebaptized 190. They are still at work with

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Rev. SHELDON JACKSON, D.D.
Editor and Superintendent.

Copy

New York Nov 28. 1877

Hon E. A Hyatt
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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Yours very truly
John C. Fowrie Secretary

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Brother pray for us, that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon our work here more abundantly.

Your brother in Christ.
J. L. Merritt.

West Las Animas, Colorado.
Nov. 20. 1877.

Dear Brother Jackson.

I regretted much that you could not be with us on the 15th at Granada.

After a practical sermon by Brother Holm, the committee organized the church at Granada on the evening of the 15th with seven members, five of whom joined in the organization by letter from other churches, and two on examination.

Mr Ephraim H. Beals was chosen, ordained, and installed as elder in the church. He has already been actively at work in

the Sabbath School, and in a week day prayer meeting which he and Brother Jones have started. Brother Beals proposes going out thirty or forty miles among the cattle men, and holding meetings.

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(Signed) John C. Lowrie

Secretary.

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Educational Division
Indian Office

1877

~~CALVARY CHURCH,~~

~~H. W. STRATTON, Pastor.~~

Albany, Oregon, Boise City Idaho 187[illegible]
Nov 24th

Rev. R. Sheldon Secretary
Dear Brother

Your note of Oct 30 after traveling from Lewiston to Boise City and preaching in Idaho City I did not find it had arrived to Lewiston. Yesterday I received it. I am very sorry that we have not been able to have a man to occupy this field in the conference year. I am in hopes that the Board will be able to send a man to occupy this field in the conference year. Some one to explore more thoroughly & if possible hold the field until we get a missionary. I have explored the field during my stay & have collected the Church at Walla Walla was organized last month, with ten members. Elder Eckard & Mitchell are with me. I was also at Pendleton where we organized the Church with twelve members. Elder Eckard & I installed. Also visited Umatilla on the way toward Lewiston. Not ready for conference. Will send some one in Oct. The state here and the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had to be given up [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Force of the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Valley of Tempe [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Lads for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Steubenville Seminary
Nov. 25 1877

Col. Irwin,
Department of the Interior
Washington. D.C

My dear Friend,
beg to introduce to you the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson of Denver, Colorado. He is the Presbyterian Missionary over six of those Western Territories and has established out there over 100 churches. He is a man of wonderful endurance ability, tact and enterprise. He knows more about the Indians

and the best man to get along with them than any body else.

He wishes some influence in some of his plans from your department.

If you can aid him in his noble purpose or introduce him to the men who have the power I shall take it as a favor and I am sure you will be advancing the highest interests of our country and showing a courtesy to one of the best and most self-denying of men.

With great consideration
Yours
A. M. Reid

(over)

Why don't you come
to see us?

Lake City Colorado
Nov 29th.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Brother:

I have been waiting patiently to hear from the Board of Church Erection: regard to the money asked for the Ouray Church: the time I promised to pay it has past, & no word from the Board:

I have received my ~~Quart~~ Quarterage, but no addition has been made to it, nor one word of explanation as to why they could not grant it: One thing is certain they never will hear from me again as to the needs of the field. nor do I propose to grumble to any

one. I have managed to live so far through your kindness, & by using my tools & by using $1.18 that I owed in the fall you on debt.

I am here and intend to remain until spring. The Lord will provide in some way until that time, & if he has no more use for me on this field. I know that he will make my duty plain. When I went into the work I felt perfectly assured that God had called me to it & I still feel the same confidence in God that I had at first.

I am thankful that the work has prospered & is still prospering in my hands. I have prepared several temperance lectures & intend to make war on the liquor traffic several of the leading ~~fro~~ drinkers, men on the Crt, have stopped, & pledged themselves to me. My congregation still continues the same, & I pray God that I may have power over my hire this winter.

I do not expect to see Smith on this field. He has gone to New York.

The weather is very cold.

Mrs. Daly sends love,

Yours in the one hope

Geo. M. Daly.

Ans

Address Franklin Ohio

Roxabelle Ohio 30 Nov. 77

Dear Bro.

Am still here - detained by illness of our boy Willie - typhoid fever - For five weeks he kept his bed - most of time unable to raise his head from pillow - He is now gaining rapidly - sits up most of day and can walk across room -

I have watched papers hoping to hear of a minister being sent to Trinidad - I see from a Trinidad paper that a Campbellite preacher held a series

of meetings in the Pres. Church! — I suppose with a view to organization. I notice also on a certain Sabbath Methodist minister was announced to occupy Pres Ch. pulpit — no services being held in M. E. Church — Sh. Meth. when I left were talking of union services with Pres. — wh. of course meant a Meth. preacher in new church and run in interests of methodism while Pres paid — & Col. Swallow financially thought it only practically thing to be done.

I think really it would be well for you to visit them

I hope you will secure a preacher soon -

My wife's health is better - yet I find she does not rally as readily as she did last fall - I did not leave Colo. any too soon. I dont think her constitution would have endured strain much longer as it is she gains slowly her former vitality -

We both & we regret leaving west - We loved Colorado - Trinidad was not enjoyable - But we would have preferred the mountains to rest. I am still without prospect & settlement - have not been able to do anything on account of

Willies illness — I hope to return to Franklin in a week or two — I have all my mail sent to Franklin — I have spoken on Home Missions almost every Sabbath since we came east — And have engagements yet unfulfilled with some churches

We having quite cold weather —

You may have mothers papers (R. M. Res) changing address from Mrs Mary L. to Miss Mary A Gage Royalell Ohio

Love to Mrs. J. from self and wife — Mrs G. says "tell Mr J. he may expect to see us back sometime"

Bro John L Gage
Franklin Ohio